THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATIV. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) **has** submitted a Concept Note on "National Earthquake Risk Mitigation Project" for capacity building of engineers, architects, and construction fraternities. The proposal is in conceptual stage.

(c) The building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) under Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has published a Vulnerability Atlas of India which *inter-alia* contains hazards maps for each State and Union Territory thereby indicating the vulnerability with reference to earthquake upto district level.

(d) (i) NDMA has laid down guidelines for the "Management of Earthquakes" in April 2007 with a view to reduce earthquake risk, and minimize the impact, loss of lives and damage to property caused by earthquakes. The guidelines prescribe measures for Central Ministries and Departments and State Governments to prepare disaster management plans having specific components on earthquake risk management.

(ii) Union Government is implementing a National Programme for Capacity Building of Engineers and Architects in Earthquake Risk Management to ensure seismic safe construction by training of structural engineers and architects at reputed institutions.

(iii) Government has also sent advisories to State Government and Union Territory Administrations from time to time to take up various disaster mitigation and preparedness measures including measures relating to earthquake mitigation and preparedness by way of adoption of modern building bye-laws to ensure seismic resistant construction.

(iv) Government is also implementing a Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project in 38 cities falling in Seismic Zones III to V and having a population of 5 lac or more. The project aims at reducing the vulnerability of these cities to earthquakes by preparation of response plans at various levels, training of architects and engineers in seismicc safe construction practices etc.

**Looting of arms and ammunitions by Naxals in Orissa**

683. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxals recently attacked a police station in Orissa and looted arms and ammunitions;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that intelligence system has totally failed in this regard and police did not have any clue about Naxals who came in large number and heavily armed;

(c) how many Naxal attacks have taken place in Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during the last one year;

(e) what has been done by Government to equip State forces to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) In the night of 15th February, 2008, naxalite cadres attacked police establishments in Nayagarh and Ganjam districts in Orissa. In the attacks, 13 police personnel and 1 civilian were killed, 6 police personnel were injured and a sizeable number of weapons and assorted ammunition were looted.

Details of naxalite incidents in Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand in the year 2007 are as below:

| | January 01 to December 31, 2007 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of incidents | No. of casualties of civilians | No. of casualties of police personnel |
| Orissa | 67 | 15 | 2 |
| Jharkhand | 482 | 149 | 8 |
| Chhattisgarh | 582 | 171 | 198 |

Law and order being a State subject, action with respect to various aspects/issues related to naxalte activities alies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Government. The Central Government, however, supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthing of the State police and Intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries.

33 battalions of Central paramilitary forces (inclusive of 1 battalion of State Armed Police on inter-State deputations) are currently deployed for assisting various State police forces in dealing with naxalite activities, of which 4 are deployed in Orissa. 4 additional companies of Central paramilitary forces were also provided to Orissa for assisting in police operations when the incident in Nayagarh and Ganjam districts occurred.

**IB's information about attack on CRPF camp at Rampur**

684. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CRPF camp was attacked by terrorists at Rampur, U.P. on 1st January, 2008, wherein nine persons were killed;

(b) whether State Government was informed in advance by I.B. about the said attack;

(c) if so, the reasons for not having taken any suitable step by the State administration;